

preparation, and I have several hundreds of rare and interesting things from him. I am busy with my own herb. now; but, as soon as I have worked through the Peking, and some other Chinese collections in my hands, and labelled the duplicates, I must make up a good set for Maximowicz of plants which will be useful for comparison, and I shall avail myself of the same occasion to select some plants for you too. You will remember that, before the subjugation of the Southern confederacy, you had written to me to beg that I wd. not send anything, until I had some favor from you. I have to thank you for several pamphlets - these are always interesting and acceptable to me. I have a fine new Caesalpineous genus (Lysidice rhodostegia!) intermediate between Jonesia & Heterostemon.

A clergyman, the Rev. J. W. Chickering, of Springfield, Vt., wrote to me in 1862 soliciting an exchange. I sent him what I think was a good set, via London, and it was called for and taken away, but we never got any thing in the way of return yet, though I don't doubt that I shall by & by. I believe Mr. Chickering married a sister of Professor Brewer's. When is his Flora of California

British Vice Consulate,
Whampoa, 9. December, 1865.

My dear Dr. Gray,

I was extremely gratified last week at receiving a visit from Mr. W. F. Brigham, who handed me your letter of introduction of 19. Janry. 1864. In all cases, my dear Doctor, it will give me cordial pleasure to show the slight attentions in my power to any one bringing so strong a claim to hospitality as your voucher, and, in the present case, it was most gratifying to make the acquaintance of so unusually well educated and agreeable a gentleman as your quondam pupil. I can only regret that my very restricted accommodation in the new vice consulate, which, as respects, was evident enough to him, prevented my receiving Mr. Brigham as my guest; but he passed two days here, though I could not give him sleeping accommodation; and, what with an examination of portions of my herbarium and library, and botanical chit chat, I hope he spent the time not unpleasantly.

I have recently received a nice little set of Peking plants from Dr. S. W. Williams - who has expressed a wish that, if I can spare any, I shd. send them to you. This I will of course do, so soon as I can work them up properly. The speci-

mens are much more fragmentary than a regular
exercé botanist would prepare, being in many
cases little more than what a pharmacist
wd call 'summitates', but they are very nicely
dried indeed, and contain some nice things, as,
for instance, Baca hyprometrica, R. Br., - Rehmannia
glutinosa, Lib., - Salvia multiorhiza, Bge., - Impatiens
sacchariflora, Maxim., - a little Delphinella, I think
I think from sanguinolenta or mongolica, - an Apleu-
nium, - Gymnothrix hordeiformis, Nees, - what I have
described as a new Sambucus Williamsii, ~~Maxim.~~
Astragalus scaberimus, Bge., - Patrinia scabra, & P.
heterophylla, Bge., a Carpinus, etc., etc.

I do not know that I have very much to tell you
except that Cryptotaenia canadensis grows in Southern
China! and that I have a fine new Liquidambar,
(L. formosana, mihi) from Formosa, and since then
from Canton province. A good many new things have
been discovered in this province of late, chiefly by
Mr. Sampson, who, though no botanist, is a very
excellent collector. Amongst these are three new
Gelsemiaceae - Didymocarpus oreocharis, mihi, and
Chirita anachoreta, and C. macrosiphon, mihi,
and some interesting species, such as a new
Pilea (P. peltata, mihi) 2 spp. of Dysophylla,
a beautiful Habenaria, an Ophelia, Gentiana
Sourcivii, Grieb., &c. Let me add, as a fact

that will interest you, that, while the Hawaiian
Polycoelium grows on the summits of the mountains,
the Chinese sp. (which I've little doubt must be
reduced to P. bontioides), grows submerged, or nearly
so, in salt water, like a mangrove. I have
sent descriptions of lots of new plants, & notes on
critical ones, to the "Annales des Sciences naturelles".
I don't know whether they've yet appeared.
I heard the other day from Maximowicz, at St. Peters-
burg. He says the greatest satisfaction has been ex-
pressed with his Japanese labors - he has been made
a chevalier of the Order of Vladimir, & the Russian
Govt., with that liberality & sense which they usually
exhibit where science is concerned, at once sanc-
tioned a measure taken by him, & guaranteed it up to
1866 - the engagement of a Japanese servant of his
as botanical collector, at 300 rubles (= I believe
to about \$240) per annum, and therefore a very
cheap arrangement, for certainly a speculator might
have sold the collections for infinitely more. The
result of this has been the discovery of five new
Acer, a Rhododendron, Ceracidos, Quadrifida, a
new Sterocarya, Artemisopsis, &c. He, (Maximowicz)
is now, I imagine, about beginning his Japan Flora,
which will no doubt be a remarkable book.
I never saw any plants - save those of Geyer
perhaps - which came up to his, for beauty of

likely to appear? I had a visit from Dr. Hillebrand, of Honolulu, lately, to see my plants. Any plants you could send me from Polynesia or California would be particularly acceptable, ferns especially, & glumaceae, and so amongst American plants, to name a few only, w^{ould} be your Quercus, Castanea pumila, & Amentaceae generally, your rarer fraxines, ^{Clonium Bonteloua, &c.} Hamamelis, Liquidambar, Astragalus, Lonicera, ^{Gelsemium}, Galax, Schizaea, Lygodium, critical Botrychis, Woodwardia angustifolia, & Trichomanes Peterii. And, if you should have it in your power to present me with any odd parts of the Pacific Railroad Route Botany they w^{ould} be most gladly received, & valued. I have only up to page [161] 105 ^(complete?) and two other parts - Reckwith's & Pope's routes.

Do not address me directly, as my stay in China over the spring is very problematical. It is 13 years now since I left home the last time for China, and after so long a time, & with boys too educating at home, it is time I should pay another visit. I hope Charles Wright is getting on well. Pray remember me to him, when you write. I only wish I had some of his Cuban ferns. I don't suppose I shall be able to send you many Chinese plants,

but you may rely on my doing my best.)

I am,

My dear Dr. Gray,

Yours very sincerely)

R. H. Stanes.

P.S. I have taken the liberty of
inclosing my carte. Will you let me
have yours in return?

My London address is:—

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Care of Mr. Franz Thimm,
3 Brook Street,
Grosvenor Square.

I should much like to be a member of yr
Academy of Sciences, but have no idea whether
the expression of such an opinion, even,
may not be deemed an impertinence: if
so, ignoscite culpa.

R. H. Stanes